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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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*Serial Nos.* 156.

**Part B. for** August 1906.

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SUBJECT.

Grant of certain Concessions to Kheddah Shikaris

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1. Petition of 1.2.06 from Deva Naik & other Shikaries of the Heggadadevankote Taluk.
Complain that contrary to the orders of Govt. the forest authorities have been recovering 4 as. on every head of cattle since 1905 & pray that they may be exempted from payment of kulbanni & building materials granted to them free.

2. To the Conservator of Forests no R1/153 of 28th July 1906. Calling for an early report on the above together with the list of shikaries called
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FILE HEADING.

Concessions to Khedda Shikaries.

From

Devanaik & Others, Shikaries, Heggadevankote Taluk, praying for Concessions

No. Petition Dated 1.2.06 Received 22.2.06

Diary No. 7735 | Enclos. - | Spare Copies. - | Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Complain that contrary to the orders of Govt. the Forest Deptt. has imposed covering 4 annas on every head of cattle since 1905 and pray that they may be exempted from payment of Kuthanni and Existing Materials granted to them free.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted

Attention is solicited to G.O.N. No. 1677-1 R 985-92 dated the 3rd March 1893 in which certain Concessions have been granted to the Khedda Shikaries. It is not known under what

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circumstances kuthanni is recovered from them now. So far back as April 1903 the Dy. Commr. of Mysore was requested to submit a list of the names of the Shikaries to whom the Concession of free grazing and free grant of wood have been granted. The list has not yet been submitted. Before submitting the papers it seems necessary to call for a report from the Conservator of Forests. A report may be called for as to whether the petitioners are Shikaries so as to be entitled to the concessions granted & if so the circumstances under which the fees have been levied.

Passed 26.2.1906

2 From the Conservator of Forests, No. R. 11193 dated 28th February 1906

Calls for an early report in the above together with the list of Shikaries called for in Govt. Order No. 674/665/R 29.4.03

3 From the Private Secy to H. H. the Maharaja's D.O. letter dated 4.06

Forwards a memo from the Dy. Commr of Mysore containing certain requests on behalf of Khedda Shikaries & requests that measures may be taken to give them certain Concessions.

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Concessions to the Khedda Shikaries in the Hesseddevenkote Taluk.

As stated in the preamble certain concessions were granted to the Shikaries in March 1893. The concessions were:-

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(1) Permanent remission of bulbanni &

(2) Free grant of wood whenever required for building and repairing their houses.

These concessions were contingent upon the Shikaries performing their duties whenever called upon to do so.

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The list furnished by the Amildar of Hesseddevenkote contains the names of 1041 Shikaries. It was prepared in 1893.

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As per statement furnished by M. Sreenivasa Rao, Forest Sub Division officer of Hesseddevenkote, only 604 shikaries are said to have attended the late Khedda operations. The Conservator of Forests suggests that a fresh list should be prepared conjointly by the Amildar and the Sub Dy Forest officer.

M. Sparkes' memorandum containing the grievances of the Khedda Shikaries, which was sent to the Rev. Commr in Mysore on 9.4.06, has not been returned. But the Hesseddevenkote Amildar's report contains a summary of it. The grievances are detailed below dy 18.3.06 Flag R

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twice a year for shooting & fishing in areas to be limited and the period to be fixed in licenses

(3) Free grant of thatching grass from State Forests

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of 23.6.06.

The Conservator thinks that there is no necessity for permitting free grazing and the removal of timber from State Forests as the Shikaries do not resort to them. In addition to the concessions recommended by Mr H. Greenevasa Rao he suggests that the Shikaries may be truly permitted to hunt, net and kill wild pigs and carnivora in Distt Forests.

Papers under disposal.

The Rev. Council also agrees with the Conservator generally and states that remission of kulbanni is a valued privilege and is capable of being properly enforced.—

The order of 1893 does not specify the locality in which they are allowed the concessions referred to in it. The Shikaries complain that the area used by them has been since included in the State Forest. The Forest Dept say that there is still sufficient area left to them.

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Cs. 9.7.06. [illegible]

To Dewan Asst (Cr)

573 14-7-06.

May be approved

17 July 06

1482 18/7/06

Letter proposed to be granted by Govt

Letter approved by Govt | Rev Comm | Cons of 75 | Dy Com

The Dewan desires that the several concessions asked for by the Petrs., & those recommended by the respective Heads of Depts such as Rev Comm, Cons of 75 & Dy Com. & those proposed to be granted by Govt, may be shown in a tabular form for ready reference.

4/8/06

Dy 80.

× As under. Concessions asked for by Petrs.

Submitted with a statement

7.8.06

To Under-Secy with the Dewan

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Draft approved by Dewan.

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The file with a copy of the

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order may be kindly sent after issue for Pte secy's D.O. (in file) being replied subsequently

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14/8/05

Done Asst; letter complied —
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P 17.00
S 1.7.10

attended
28/8/05

6 To the Revenue Commr, Conservator of Forests & Dy. Conservator, Mysore, No. R. 2364-6 28-8 Sanctioning the grant of to the Khedda shikaris of the Heggadadevankote Taluk, of concessions in the matter of payment of kulbarnie in District Forests, removal of thatching grass on free licenses from the State Forests, removal of unreserved kinds from District Forests for building & agricultural purposes free of cost and fishing in the rivers & streams of the Taluk which have not been closed for fishing & hunting, netting & killing wild pigs & carnivora in Dist. Forests.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 1843/1 Bangalore, 19th February 1906

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Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is

Rev 22-2-06 transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja

Inwards Rev of Mysore, General and Revenue Department (Br: I ), Bangalore, for sub-

mission of papers in the case.

No. 1137 of 05-06.

By Order,

I. C. S.
*Private Secretary*
*to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.*

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*Diary No. of letter replied to* 7735

No. R.III 93

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To

The Conservator of Forests

Date of issue 28-2-1906

Signed by Mr P.G.D'Souza

Has the honour to forward herewith ~~a~~ petition dated the 1st February 1906 from Devaraik and other Shikaries of the Heggoddevenkote Taluk complaining that the Forest Department has been ~~recovering~~ levying from them a grazing fee of 4 annas on every head of their cattle, and to request that an early report may be submitted as to the circumstances under which grazing fee is being levied from them. The list of Shikaries called for in ~~this office~~ G.O. No. 674 dated 6651

over.

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SUBJECT.

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*Diary No. of letter replied to* 9075

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Date of issue 9-4-06

Signed by Mr. P. G. Dasaya

To The Rev. Commissioner in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a ~~sent~~ Memorandum ~~drawn up~~ by the Dy. Commr. of the Mysore District containing certain ~~proposals~~ Conclusions arrived at ~~regarding~~ by the Khedda Shikaris in return for their help ~~of the Khedda Operations~~ and to request you will be so good as to report in Council over.

SUBJECT.

Copied G.H. 7/4.

with the Council of Lands &
and the Dy. Comm^r of
Khandesh, what concessions
may be reasonably granted
to the said Chiefs. They have
been very helpful during
the late Khandesh disturbances
and it is the desire of Govt.
to encourage them by giving
them such concessions
as proposed by Capt. Mills
in his letter for agricultural
implements &c.

Three R. C. a

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Revenue Dept.
Govt. No. 1019 of 4-4-06
Copy forwarded to the Pol.
of Lands in charge from Dist. Bo,
in continuation of his offr.
No 1113 dt 28/3/06
Mr Mills's

Rev. Commr. Form 12.

1906.

*From*

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR Esq. B. A., B. L.
*Revenue Commissioner*
*in Mysore.*

*To*

*The Secretary to the Government of*
*H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,*
*General & Revenue Departments.*

*Dated* 28th

*Despatched* 30 June 1906

*Received*

*No.* 11879

*Enclosure No.* 13.

Reporting in the matter of the grant of concessions to the Khedda Shikaries in the Heggadadevankote Taluk.

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V. B. S. & Sons, Bangalore 2000—.11—6—06.

No. Office of the Rev. Comr. in Mysore,

*Bangalore.....Rak...Lana.....190c .*

From

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR Esq., B A., B L.
*Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To

*The Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
*the Maharaja of Mysore,*
*General of Revenue Departments.*

Sir,

In reference to your letter No. $\frac{A.192\&6}{F.147-98-4}$ dated 9th April 1900, requiring particulars in connection with the Working Plan for the Madhugiri Division, I have the honor to forward herewith in original, together with an Index, Interleaved Detail Abstract for 1900, from the Conservator of Forests, Coorg, which contains the particulars in the statement sent to State Forests Department for the year 1899-1900. It is not desirable to give the price of timber in State Forests on two different standards, as there prices are liable to fluctuate.

2. The particulars of the annual and value of produce and the expenditure of each year separately is desired.

3. The Division is not yet ripe and the working may be begun for three years, which will be very difficult in practice as the Division Officer's time will be fully occupied in the field and cannot be spared for office work.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Revenue Commissioner.

I agree with Mr. Srinivasa Rao and think that there is no present necessity for granting any concessions for free grazing and free supply of timber in State Forests as they are not in need of them. The Statement accompanying Mr. Srinivasa Rao's letter No. 636 dated 5th April 06, will shew that very few of these Shikaries are now required to resort to State Forests for grazing. In addition to the concessions recommended by Mr. Srinivasa Rao, I beg to suggest that the petitioners be allowed freely to hunt, net and kill wild pigs and Carnivora in District Forests.

2. A list of Shikaries prepared by the Amildar,

Heggadadevankote

abundantly. The plea that there is no wood is not true as plenty of wood for ryots' requirements is found in District Forests. A list of lands set apart for ryots' use in proposing the extensions is appended for ready reference. Ainur Marigudi and Begur forests have had no extensions as stated by the ryots.

The fact that forest subordinates do not allow bamboos to be removed is a lie. Rule 9 of District Forest Rules states - no materials for house building should be taken free. Ryots take bamboos for house building and when questioned, plead that it is for agricultural purposes. They cannot be detected or punished as the law allows them one privilege. As a matter of fact, every family has got thatti houses but none has taken any license for bamboos for home use in the vicinity of forests. They think that the forest subordinates have no right to question any removal of bamboos and no cases of bamboo removal has been punished so to speak. These facts can be verified, if necessary, from license accounts and offence register. All the State Forests will shortly come under regular working plans and as it is the experience, all over India, that no forests, burdened with rights can be managed as per prescriptions of the plans which aim at creating normal forests, no concessions of cutting could be allowed in them with wholesome effect and by any such concessions the plans will become not effective owing to unavoidable influences.

3. That free grazing in State Forests may be allowed.

No free grazing in State Forests is necessary anywhere. Every village has its own alloted jungle area for grazing and cutting firewood and wood for agricultural implements, and the method of cutting in these areas is wasteful everywhere and all the grass is set fire to in the hot season which alone shows that there is more grass than they can actually consume by grazing and that they have got more than enough of wood and therefore don't care to economise. The area usually alloted for villages as free grazing ground by the Revenue Survey Department is from 30 to 100 acres per 100 head of cattle but the allotment made for the villages here is several times more than this. If the

ryots

ryots care to cut and stack fodder, several thousands of tons of fodder can be obtained from the grazing lands of each village but they are not in the habit of cutting and storing fodder. They always require farthest and intended grazing lands when those nearest are burnt. There is therefore no justification in granting this. If the condition of these ryots is compared with those in Malnad parts, these will be found far better than the there as regards grazing, wood supply etc. With all this the craving is greater, the object being with the grazing and felling rights in the State Forests, valuable wood may be pilferred whenever possible as it is the usual practice of many. In view of these facts no concession of grazing in State Forests are necessary especially as Government has to provide free grazing to all the cattle of the Malnad Taluks in these forests in special years of drought. Which of the shikaries come to graze in the forests and which do not come and who all pay grazing dues has been reported in detail in this office No.637 dated 8-4-08 above referred to. The recent additions made to forests do not compel them to take out grazing licenses as extensive grazing areas have been allowed in making the additions to State Forests.

(1). The Game Laws may be relaxed.

Reply :-. This does not appear necessary as it will only tend to indiscriminate slaughter of all jungle animals without distinction of species or sex. In these jungle tracts there are several men who live by shooting and ~~killing~~ selling flesh and skins. After the introduction of the Game Laws, it is only being done in stealth. Many people take out licenses for gun, pleading they require them for protecting their crops but actually make use of them for shooting. If the Game Laws are relaxed, shooting becomes the legal profession of many and the wild animals will be indiscriminately slaughtered. It does not therefore appear advisable to grant any general concessions this way.

Speaking

Copy of letter No.2645 dated 2nd April 1906 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

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With reference to your memo No.6809 of the 7th March 1906 calling for report in re the levy of grazing fees from shikaries on every head of their cattle by the Forest Department, I have the honour to forward herewith the records ending with Heggaddevankote Amildar's No.357 of 18th March 1906 which sets forth the prayer of the petitioners and the concessions to be shown to them.

2. I would recommend the grant of all concessions except the last contained in the Amildar's report, viz, netting and killing animals or using nets should not be considered as offences.

3. A list of shikaries is also forwarded herewith as called for.

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By order
Murthuvaraj
Head accountant.
For Conservator of Forests.

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Date of issue 21-8-1906

Signed by P. G. D'Souza Esqr

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READ.—

Petition dated the 1st February 1906, from Deva naik and other shikaries of the Heggaddevankote Taluk complaining that the Forest Department have been levying from them a grazing fee of 4 annas on every head of their

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cattle.

2. Letter No. 11879 dated the 28th June 1906 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding correspondence between himself, the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore and the Conservator of Forests

over

SUBJECT

Sanctions the grant of certain concessions to the Khedda shikaries of the Heggaddevankote Taluk and calls for a list of such shikaries.

making certain suggestions in the matter.

Order thereon. No. R. 2366—6 321.6.191

In Govt Proceeding No. 14720-1 dated the 3rd March 1893 the late Inspector General of Forests was requested to show permanently to the shikaries of the Hegga dewan-hote Taluk, who were bound to assist at the Khedda and other operations of the Forest Department, the following concessions, namely: (1) free grants of wood for building and repairing houses, and (2) the remission of kulbanni. The correspondence read above does not clearly show whether or not any effect was given to the above order. The petitioners however complain that they enjoyed the concession till 1905 but that recently the Forest Deptt. have commenced to levy kulbanni.

2. It appears from the statement

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furnished by the Distt. Forest Officer of Mysore that grazing fee is being collected in the State forests for several years past, but it is not clear whether it was the petitioners who were paying the fee or only other non-shikari ryots.

3. The list furnished by the Amildar of Heggaddevankote Taluk contains the names of 1041 shikaries whereas that furnished by the Forest Deptt. gives only 604 persons. It seems therefore necessary to draw up an authoritative list of such persons and revise it from time to time, so that the persons entitled to claim any such privileges may be definitely known and others may not take advantage of such concessions ~~already granted~~ only in consideration of their liability to render service at the time of the Khedda operations. The list should be prepared conjointly by the Amildar and the Sub-Division Forest Officer of Heggaddevankote and submitted to Government at a very early date.

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4. The following concessions proposed by the Conservator and concurred in by the Revenue Commissioner are approved and will be allowed to all those who have been accustomed to take them under the terms of the Rules.

(1) Exemption from payment of kulbanni in District Forests

(2) Permission to fish in the rivers and streams of the taluk, and to hunt, net and kill wild pigs and carnivora in Distt. Forests.

(3) Permission to remove free of cost thatching grass from the State forests.

(4) Permission to take wood of the unreserved kinds from District Forests for house building and agricultural purposes free of cost.

(5) Exemption from bittu and begaru

5. The above concessions will be withdrawn if the petitioners fail to render service at the times of Khedda operations. Care should be taken by the local authorities to see that these concessions are not taken advantage of by those not entitled to them.

Secretary

To

The Rev. Commr in Mysore
- Conservator of Forests
& Deputy Comr, Mysore Distt. with

*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Forest, dated 21st August 1906.*

READ—

1. Petition dated the 1st February 1906, from Deva Naik and other shikaries of the Heggaddevankote Taluk, complaining that the Forest Department have been levying from them a grazing fee of four annas on every head of their cattle.

2. Letter No. 11879, dated the 28th June 1906, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding correspondence between himself, the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore and the Conservator of Forests and making certain suggestions in the matter.

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No. R. 2364-6—FT. 147-05-6, DATED BANGALORE, 21ST AUGUST 1906.

ORDER THEREON.—In Government Proceedings No. 14770-1—R. F. 85-92, dated the 3rd March 1893, the late Inspector-General of Forests was requested to show permanently to the shikaries of the Heggaddevankote Taluk, who were bound to assist at the Khedda and other operations of the Forest Department, the following concessions, namely :—

(i) free grant of wood for building and repairing houses, and
(ii) the remission of hulbanni.

The correspondence read above does not clearly show whether or not any effect was given to the above order. The petitioners, however, complain that they enjoyed the concession till 1905, but that recently the Forest Department have commenced to levy hulbanni.

2. It appears from the statement furnished by the District Forest Officer of Mysore that grazing fee is being collected in the State Forests, for several years past, but it is not clear whether it was the petitioners who were paying the fee or only other non-shikari raiyats.

3. The list furnished by the Amildar of Heggaddevankote Taluk, contains the names of 1,041 shikaries whereas that furnished by the Forest Department gives only 604 persons. It seems, therefore, necessary to draw up an authoritative list of such persons and revise it from time to time, so that the persons entitled to claim any such privileges in consideration of their liability to render service at the time of Khedda operations may be definitely known and others may not take advantage of such concessions. The list should be prepared conjointly by the Amildar and the Sub-Division Forest Officer of Heggaddevankote and submitted to Government at a very early date.

4. The following concessions proposed by the Conservator and concurred in by the Revenue Commissioner are approved and will be allowed to all those who have been ascertained to belong really to the class of shikaries under advertence.

(1) Exemption from payment of hulbanni in District Forests :—
(2) Permission to fish in the rivers and streams of the taluk which have not been closed for fishing by notification in the Gazette and to hunt, net and kill wild pigs and carnivora in District Forests.
(3) Permission to remove on free licenses thatching grass from the State Forests.
(4) Permission to take wood of the unreserved kinds from District Forests for house-building and agricultural purposes free of cost.

5. The above concessions will be withdrawn if the petitioners fail to render service at the time of Khedda operations should any be undertaken in future. Care should be taken by the local authorities to see that these concessions are not taken advantage of by those not entitled to them.

K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR,
*Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.*

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, with lists and original papers.

Exd.—C. V.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

FOREST

PROCEEDINGS

*Dated 21st August 1906*

No. R. 2364-6
Ft. 147-05-6

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Sanctioning the grant of certain concessions in the matter of free grazing, etc., to the shikaries of the Heggaddevankote Taluk in consideration of their rendering service at the time of Kheddа and other operations.